

## **Department of Energy**

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SYNCHROTON LIGHT SOURCE

COMPLEX (DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)/EA-1321) AT BROOKHAVEN

NATIONAL LABORATORY

This memorandum responds to your request for approval of the subject EA and issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Based upon the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), I have determined that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of NEPA and its implementing regulations (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508). Accordingly, I have approved the enclosed EA and signed the accompanying FONSI. Do not publish the FONSI in the Federal Register, since this is not an action with effects of national concern. However, notify the local public of the availability of the EA and FONSI in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6,10 CFR 1021.322(c) and DOE Order 451.1B.

Please make appropriate distribution of the EA and FONSI. Also, provide the Office of NEPA Oversight (EH-42) with three copies of the electronic file version of the EA.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact James Oprzedek, Safety and Technical Services, at 630-252-2556.

Manager

Enclosures: As Stated

cc: C. Borgstrom, EH-42/FORS, HQ, w/o ends. C. Hickey, SC-83/GTN, HQ, w/encls.